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INTER OFFICE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Minutes of the special meeting held on 6 August at 1400 hours in 1521 Barton Hall.

1. Present:



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2. The special meeting was called by the Chairman at the suggestion of [REDACTED] to consider the proposed Progress Report to the NSC as drafted by OCB on sections 2 and 8a of NSC-169. The proposed wording of the pertinent sections (signal monitoring and intelligence evaluation of technical effectiveness) had been circulated with the agenda for the meeting.

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3. [REDACTED] explained his purpose in posing the problem to the Committee. He felt that the draft was unsatisfactory since it did not adequately reflect the actions that had been taken and were being taken and that it gave the impression that we were not in as good a position to estimate the technical effectiveness of broadcasting as previously reported. He suggested the advisability of reconsideration of the NSC-169 policy with a view to possibly recommending minor changes therein. He had arranged to postpone the due date of the report until after the Schramm conference so that we now have several weeks to propose any desired changes.

4. During the discussion, the following points were made:

a. The joint approach to monitoring now being worked out in the USCIB is not viewed with favor by USIA. There is some feeling that a separate requirement for NSC-169 monitoring might meet with success if not carried in through State's intelligence channels.

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b. However, if the NSC-169 requirement must compete with other requirements for technician's time, CIA would be in a better position to sponsor it than would USIA.

c. With respect to evaluation, the suggestion was made that an inter-agency estimates committee might serve a useful purpose in deriving pointed estimates of technical effectiveness. [REDACTED] suggested consideration of three alternative procedures:

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(1) Preparation of the estimates by BES with coordination of other interested agencies.

(2) Expansion of the mission of TEAC for the purpose of preparation of estimates.

(3) Formation of some new group for the purpose.

In this connection, it was pointed out that TEAC was designed to obtain agreement, in advance, on methods of analysis to be used by BES and that BES had usually deliberately avoided clearing conclusions with TEAC in order to maintain its independence.

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d. [REDACTED] suggested the following persons to confer with regard to any revision in policy:

Mr. Henry Loomis - USIA

Mr. Al Seitner - State, Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Public Affairs

Mr. George Wyeth - Defense, Office of Gordon Gray

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5. The Chairman appointed a working group of [REDACTED] and himself to follow up on the suggestions of the Committee for review of the situation on paragraphs 2 and 8a and the drafting of a suitable report and recommendations for the NSC.

Respectfully submitted,

[REDACTED]
Secretary

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